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# REVIEW OF 1929

### NEW BUILDINGS

Work was begun on the new wing at Mt. St. Michael's March 26, and on November 2 it was ready for occupation. The wing contains the new house library and 70 rooms.

At Loyola university, Del Rey, the faculty building and the arts building were ready for the opening of classes in September.

At Santa Barbara the church of Our Lady of Sorrows, begun in June, 1928, was completed in the summer of 1929.

A new church, dedicated to the Sacred Heart, was opened at Arlee, Montana, on June 30.

At St. Ignatius, San Francisco, the new high school was opened August 19.

At St. Joseph's parish boys' high school, San Jose, four new classrooms, a gymnasium, and a new sanitary system were erected. The students themselves contributed $6,000 towards the new building.

At Seattle college the Garrigan gymnasium was opened on October 30. The old auditorium on the second floor was remodelled to become a student's chapel.

Mass was said for the first time in the log-cabin church of the new St. Ignatius' parish, Seattle, on November 24.

Work was begun on the new St. Joseph's church, Seattle, October 28, and according to the contract should be finished by June, 1930.

A new dormitory building is being erected at Santa Clara university, and is expected to be ready by August, 1930.

At the Holy Family church, San Jose, the new residence will be ready for occupancy by the end of January.

### RETREAT MOVEMENT

In January, 1929, the Young Men's Institute at San Francisco formed retreat committees in each of its councils, to organize retreatants for El Retiro, Los Altos. During January, February, and March, 10 retreats were given at El Retiro, attended by 200 laymen, of whom 118 were attending for the first time. The 27 members of the graduating class of Santa Clara university made their retreat at El Retiro. The clergy of the Monterey-Fresno diocese came in two groups for their retreat, one group headed by Bishop McGinley, and the other by Msgr. Crowley. The directors of the retreat movement are striving to popularize parish retreats, and several pastors have already brought groups there.

Ten retreats, attended by 300 laymen, were held at Loyola university, Del Rey, during the summer.

Two retreats, attended by 134 laymen, were held at Mt. St. Michael's.

### JUBILEES

Father Aloysius Raggio, 85 years old, celebrated his golden jubilee as

a priest on July 7, 1929.

St. Ignatius mission was 75 years old on September 25, 1929; the first mass was celebrated there by Father Adrian Hoecken, September 25, 1854. The jubilee celebration will be held sometime during the coming spring.

### ORDINATIONS

The following 22 were ordained in 1929: Fathers Lloyd Burns, David Daze, Paul Deschout, Howard Donohue, Gerald Flynn, Joseph Gatz, Francis Kane, Cyril Kavanagh, James King, Joseph King, Gerald Leahy, Thomas McKey, Leo Madigan, Edward D. Maginnis, Alexis Mei, John Mifsud, Joseph O'Brien, Paul O'Connor, John O'Neill, Howard Peronteau, Clarence Rudolph, Charles Walsh.

### LAST VOWS

February 2, 1929: Fathers James Gilmore, Charles Owens, Edgar Taylor at Spokane; Daniel Meagher at Mt. St. Michael's; Aloysius Austin, Harold Buckley, Denis Sullivan at Seattle; Hugo Geary at Missoula; Francis Gleeson at Tacoma; James Henry at Santa Clara; Joseph Howard at Phoenix; Leo McGreal at Yakima; John Ward at Los Angeles; Cornelius Byrne at Rome; Brothers George Feltes at San Francisco; Frederick Sanchez-Aldana at Los Gatos.

August 15, 1929: Brother Daniel Danahy at Mt. St. Michael's.

### DEATHS

There were eight deaths in the province during 1929; five priests, one scholastic and two brothers.

Father Vincent Chiappa, February 12, Los Angeles; Mr. James E. McAteer, February 14, Spokane; Brother Jeremiah McSweeney, March 6, Holy Cross, Alaska; Father Ignatius Vasta, April 11, Spokane; Father William J. O'Brien, July 14, Los Angeles; Father Timothy Murphy, August 13, Santa Barbara; Brother Lawrence Joyce, August 20, Santa Clara; Father Joseph C. Cardon, December 31, Seattle.

### PROVINCE STATISTICS

**Tertians at Port Townsend**

California 10, Lower Canada 4. Maryland-New York 3, New Orleans 3, New England 2, Chicago 1; total 23.

**Theologians**

Fourth year 17, third year 16, second year 8, first year 11; total 52, distributed as follows:

Weston 16, St. Louis 14, Woodstock 7, Barcelona 3, Enghien 3, Louvain 3, Heythrop 2, Lyons 2, Innsbruck 1, Ona 1, Rome 1.

**Regents**

Fourth year 7, third year 14, second year 11, first year 11; cur. val. 5; total 48.

**Philosophers at St. Michael's**

**Third year 35:** California 17, New Orleans 9, Missouri 5, Chicago 3, Ireland 1.

**Second year 35:** California 15, New Orleans 15, Lower Canada 3, Maryland-New York 2.

**First year 36:** California 33, New Orleans 2, Maryland-New York 1.

**Total 106:** California 65, New Orleans 26, Missouri 5, Chicago 3, Lower Canada 3, Maryland-New York 3, Ireland 1.

(N. B. One California first year philosopher is at Heythrop Hall, England.)

**Juniors**

Los Gatos: Second year 28, first year 25; total 53.

Rathfarnham, Ireland: First year 1.

**Scholastic Novices**

Los Gatos: Second year 40, first year 39; total 79.

Roehampton, England: First year 1.

Tullabeg, Ireland: First year 1.

**Coadjutor Novices**

Los Gatos: Second year 6, first year 1.

Gozzano, Italy: Second year 1.

**PROVINCE MEMBERSHIP**

| | PP. | Schol. | CC. | Univ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1928 | 258 | 241 | 99 | 598 |
| 1929 | 266 | 268 | 104 | 638 |
| 1930 | 280 | 279 | 105 | 664 |
| **AUGMENTUM** | | | | |
| 1928-29 | 8 | 27 | 5 | 40 |
| 1929-30 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 26 |

## El Retiro

**Rome Pilgrimage**

From the San Jose Mercury Herald, Dec. 12.—Father Joseph R. Stack, S. J., superior of El Retiro San Inigo, Jesuit house of retreats for laymen at Los Altos, and the state chaplain of the California Knights of Columbus, has been chosen to head a pilgrimage of hundreds of Catholics next June to the Passion Play of Oberammergau and Rome. The pilgrimage, which car-

ries the blessing of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco, will be conducted under the auspices of the state council of the Knights of Columbus of California.

**Ceremony at Grotto**

Father Dennis Mahony leads the retreatants to the new Mary Immaculate shrine on the El Retiro grounds every Saturday evening, and there with prayers and hymns the men are consecrated to Mary.

The shrine was dedicated Sunday, September 8, at a ceremony witnessed only by the donor of the shrine, Victor A. Hancock, the members of his family and the retreatants.

## Havre

About 700 people were present in St. Jude's church, Havre, Mont., for the midnight mass, a "Missa Cantata" celebrated by Father William E. Smith, pastor. There were 500 communions.

Father Leo Martin of Mt. St. Michael's preached at the midnight and at all the masses on Christmas morning.

Father Francis P. Sansone was celebrant at the 10:30 mass.

The total number of Christmas communions was 750; confessions 650.

## *Santa Claus Comes to the Province News*

Appreciative readers have sent us $56.00 during the past few weeks to assist in defraying the great expense of publishing the Province News.

Father William Culligan, whose spontaneous contribution last summer was the first we had ever received, has recently repeated his generosity: "I am sending you $5.00," he writes, "to help along the good work of the Province News. I am always pleased to receive the information it brings from all sections of the province and about our brothers here, there and elsewhere."

Another, who had already contributed $5.00, was displeased that our heavy expense had forced us to discard several hundred lines of news and hold down the December issue to 12 pages; so he gave us another $5.00 to help toward larger issues in the future.

From St. Andrew's Indian mission near Pendleton, Oregon, writes Father John Corbett: "Enclosed please find the Indians' mite, $1.00, to aid you in your work of editing the Province News."

From Father Joseph Bruckert, to whom we had written for clippings about the activities of his parish in Lewiston, Idaho, we received the following: "The only clippings I have is this yellow sheet." The yellow sheet was a check for $5.00.

Father Michael Balestra, in answering our request for news about his Christmas services at St. Michael's Italian church in Portland, writes: "I am taking this opportunity to send my little mite for the Province News." The mite was a $10.00 check.

Mr. Henry Schultheis, our Tacoma correspondent, inclosed a $10 check with his latest news contribution. "The little offering," he writes, "is Father David McAstocker's answer to your plea. I'm sure you will be able to use it."

From far-off Cordova in southern Alaska Father William McMillan sends us $10.00 "to keep the pot a-boiling."

An anonymous Santa Claus, whom we know to be the superior of one of our poorest houses, writes: "The inclosed check for $10.00 should have gone to you long ago for the Province News. I think that as we have no news in our monotonous monastic life here, we ought to help out in other lines, especially as we enjoy your tidings immensely."

**We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the generosity that has inspired these contributions, and we trust that many others will be similarly appreciative, especially as this large January issue has already eaten a big hole in our funds. We shall gladly do all we can to gather all the news from all parts of the province, so long as our readers make it financially possible for us to print it. —The Editor.**

## Gonzaga University

**Fr. Rebmann**

The third installment of Father James J. Rebmann's Reminiscences was printed in the December "Mitteilungen," published at Valkenburg. The first and second installments were published in the July and December issues of 1928. The Reminiscences are filled with many interesting historical incidents from the early days in our northwest missions.

Although Father Rebmann is still in the Sacred Heart hospital, Spokane, his health has been gradually improving and he is now feeling much better than he was a few weeks ago.

An Ursuline Sister, appointed by the Ursuline Mother General to write the history of their convents in the Northwest, has come from Montana to Spokane to consult Father Rebmann about the early history of the Indian missions.

## Lewiston

About 400 people attended the midnight mass on Christmas at St. Stanislaus church, Lewiston, Idaho. Father E. Boll was celebrant; Father Charles O'Brien of Gonzaga, deacon; Father Joseph Bruckert, pastor, subdeacon. Father O'Brien preached the sermon.

At the midnight and other Christmas masses there were 700 communions.

Father Bruckert was celebrant and preached at the 10 o'clock mass Christmas morning.

## Hillyard

**Christmas Services**

Father Patrick Foote was celebrant at the midnight mass at St. Patrick's church, Hillyard; Father John Prange, deacon; Mr. Maurice Flaherty subdeacon. Father Prange preached the sermon; his parents came out from Spokane for the mass. The church was packed to absolute capacity with about 600 people, and practically all of them received communion.

The total number of Christmas communions was about 800. The confessions on Christmas Eve numbered about 700.

Twelve altar boys especially chosen from the 36 members of the St. John Berchmans society, directed by Messrs. O'Hearn and Suver of Mt. St. Michael's, assisted at the midnight mass. All carried new torches; the two leaders wore white cassocks, the others black.

After the mass Father Van der Pol, pastor, gave a pound box of candy to each of the 36 altar boys.

The children's choir, excellently trained by the Sisters, sang at the three masses celebrated by Father Van der Pol at 9:00, 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock Christmas morning.

## Hollywood

**Schumann-Heink in Choir**

World famous Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink sang the "Stille Nacht" and the "Agnus Dei" at the midnight mass in the Blessed Sacrament church, Hollywood. The choir was made up of an octette and a 20-voice chorus.

The music from 11:30 to midnight was as follows: "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field," by Vincent; "O Holy Night," by Adam; "Hodie Christus Natus Est," by Rousseau; "Gesu Bambino," by Yon; "Stille Nacht," sung by Madame Schumann-Heink.

At the midnight mass: the "Kyrie" from Haydn's Third Mass; the "Gloria" from Gounod's Third Solemn Mass; the "Credo" by Haydn; the "Adeste Fideles"; the "Sanctus" from Gounod's St. Cecelia Mass; the "Benedictus" from Gounod's Mass in C; the "Agnus Dei" from Bizet, sung by Madame Schumann-Heink.

"Christmas in Sicily," by Yon (an organ solo) was followed by "Angels We Have Heard," an old French melody; "In a Lowly Manger," by Daniels; "Lo, How a Rose," by Praetorius.

**Attendance Records Broken**

About 4,000 people crowded into the church for the midnight mass; 2,000 received communion.

Father Joseph Sullivan, the celebrant, preached the sermon; Father Blackmore was deacon; Mr. Patrick Conway of Loyola high school subdeacon.

At the second solemn mass at 11 a. m. Father Henry Blackmore was celebrant; Father Daniel Stack, the deacon, preached the sermon; Mr. Tepe, a seminarian, was subdeacon.

The total number of Christmas

communions was 3,500; confessions 2,500.

**Fr. Welch Anniversary Mass**

A large crowd of people attended the anniversary mass for the repose of the soul of Father Henry Welch celebrated by Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles in the Blessed Sacrament church December 31. Father Joseph Sullivan was assistant priest; Father J. T. McGucken, master of ceremonies.

Among the clergy present were: Monsignors John Cawley and J. J. Clifford; the secular priests, Fathers E. R. Kirk, T. Feehan, J. J. Devlin, T. O'Toole, P. Corcoran, M. Mullins, J. Earley, G. M. Gallagher; the Dominican, Father J. Lewis; the Jesuits, Fathers J. Ward, rector of Loyola high school, A. Coglan, E. P. Watson, J. Madden, M. Hourican, J. Hayes, J. A. McHugh, H. Blackmore.

## Los Angeles

### LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

**Ocean Park Debate**

Two Loyola high school debating teams, coached by Father Leo Madigan, debated in the meeting chambers of the Ocean Park-Venice council, Knights of Columbus, December 2, on the advisability of dividing California into two states. The debate was well attended. It was staged at the invitation of Father Charles E. Leahy, council chaplain of the Knights. While the judges were in consultation, Father Raymond Butler gave a stirring talk on the exclusion of private schools from participation in an oratorical contest recently organized by the Los Angeles Examiner for local districts on the World Peace question. An investigation revealed that the invitations had been rigidly restricted to public schools.

Loyola high school, however, will not be excluded from the national oratorical contest on the Constitution, sponsored by the Los Angeles Times.

**Fr. Kavanagh**

Father D. J. Kavanagh gave the Loyola high school students' retreat January 7 to 9. Shortly before this retreat Father Charles Leahy, students' chaplain, visited all the classes, gave a short talk on the retreat and asked them to take a vote as to whether they wished to pledge themselves to strict silence. Every class in the school so pledged itself; in all but three classes the vote was unanimous and even in those three the great majority wanted strict silence.

**Ministeria Spiritualia**

Father De Rop recently gave a mission in Spanish in Santa Barbara. Father Hugh Donavon, Santa Clara students' chaplain, early in January gave a triduum to the Sisters of Loretto in Los Angeles. Father Charles Leahy recently gave two triduums, one to the Holy Names Sisters in Ocean Park, and one to the Providence Sisters in Los Angeles.

Mr. Francis Cahill is now teaching at Loyola high school, Los Angeles.

The new St. Thomas parochial school, which is being erected on Fifteenth street adjoining the Loyola high school property, is almost completed.

## Los Gatos

**$10,000 Legacy**

A $10,000 legacy was recently received in cash by the novitiate at Los Gatos from John Quinn, a former employee, who died in San Francisco in 1928. The novitiate was one of the four beneficiaries that received similar amounts; the others were the archbishop of San Francisco, St. Ignatius college and Santa Clara university.

**New Sanctuary Carpet**

A beautiful carpet, imported from England, was purchased in December for the sanctuary of the Los Gatos domestic chapel. Donations received by the novices and juniors covered the cost. The new carpet was laid in January; it extends from the altar steps to the communion railing and blends well with the carpet on the steps of the high altar.

**Relic of Fr. Pro**

A small piece of Father Pro's shirt stained with the blood he shed when shot down by Calles soldiers in Mexico was sent last November to the Los Gatos novitiate, where Father Pro was once a junior, by Father Gonzales, a secular priest who during his exile from Mexico was assistant to Father Culligan at St. Clare's church, Santa Clara.

**Lay-Brothers**

Brother Skelly is at Loyola high

school, Los Angeles. Brother Cherpeski has charge of the shoe department at Los Gatos. Brother Lee, who pronounced his first vows December 8, went to Phoenix December 27 to replace Brother Pille, who has returned to the novitiate to prepare for his last vows.

Francis O'Toole, 18 years old, arrived at the novitiate in the latter part of December to begin his postulantship as a lay-Brother.

Brother Maurice Corrigan, scholastic novice, pronounced his first vows January 8.

## Missoula

### Christmas Services

Over 900 crowded into St. Francis Xavier's church for midnight mass, and 200 had to be turned away. Practically all received communion. Father Augustine J. Krebsbach, pastor, was celebrant; Father Daniel P. Meagher of Mount St. Michael's, deacon; Mr. John Coughlin, subdeacon. A splendid choir of 25 voices sang Kalliwoda's mass. Father Meagher gave the sermon.

More than 300 remained for the low mass of thanksgiving that followed. Two years ago about a dozen remained; last year over a hundred.

Father Meagher was celebrant at the second solemn high mass at 10:30 Christmas morning; Father Cornelius Mullen, deacon; Mr. Coughlin, subdeacon. Father Krebsbach preached the sermon. The mass was very well attended.

The total number of communions for Christmas was 1200; confessions 650.

Although the times were considered hard, and there was little employment and poor business in city stores, the Christmas collection was the best ever received; it was over $1,300.

### Increased Enrollment

The enrollment of the St. Francis Xavier's parochial school is now well over 300. Most of the new pupils have come from out of town, their parents having moved to Missoula for no other reason than to give their children a Catholic education.

## Mt. St. Michael's

### Christmas Decorations

Christmas decorations in the chapel, refectory, and recreation halls were very beautiful. In charge were: Mr. Eugene LeGault, chapel; Messrs. Raymond Cody and Francis Burris, crib; Messrs. Hayden Vachon, Henry Jahn and Arthur Wharton, refectory; Messrs. Samuel Coogan and Ronald Barrilleaux, recreation room.

### Midnight Mass

Father Rector was celebrant at the midnight mass Christmas; Father Sauer, deacon; Father Augustine J. Dinand, subdeacon. The choir under the direction of Mr. Walter Kropp gave a beautiful rendition of Rhode's mass "Regina Pacis."

### Ice

Not until January 9, an extremely late date, was there ice on the rink at the Mount. The winter has been exceptionally mild with no really cold weather until recently and practically no snow.

### Missionaries Reburied

Father Joseph Tomkin, superior at St. Regis mission, near Colville, Wash., on January 15 brought to Mt. St. Michael's for burial in the community cemetery the bodies of Fathers Louis Ruellan and James Vanzina and Mr. David Duross, a scholastic. Father Ruellan, first pastor in Spokane, who died January 7, 1885, and Father Vanzina, who died June 19,1880, had been buried beneath the sanctuary in the third Colville mission church on the top of the hill above the present church which is the fifth to be erected in the history of the mission. After the third church had burned down, Mr. David Duross, who died October 7, 1893, was buried in the same place.

## Portland: St. Ignatius

### Christmas Services

Father A. J. Coudeyre, pastor, sang the midnight mass and preached at St. Ignatius church, Portland. The church was crowded with about 600 people, and about 550 received comunion.

Father P. J. Mahony, assistant, sang the 10:30 mass Christmas morning and preached the sermon.

Father Harold Buckley assisted in the Christmas services and in hearing confessions on Christmas Eve.

The total number of Christmas communions was 700; confessions 800.

### Christmas Charity

On the Sunday before Christmas Father Coudeyre made an appeal in the church for supplies to be distributed to the poor. The response from the parishioners was so great that eight men of the St. Vincent de Paul society spent Christmas Eve driving around in automobiles distributing the groceries and candies contributed.

### Fr. Coudeyre's Illness

Father Coudeyre suffered a severe kidney attack on the night of November 15. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital at 11 p. m. and remained there for some time. It was the most severe of several similar attacks he has had during the past twelve years.

During his illness Father Robert V. Burns came from Seattle to assist at St. Ignatius church in Portland and remained there till November 22.

## Portland: St. Michael's

### Christmas Services

At the midnight mass on Christmas Father Balestra was celebrant; Father Norbert, O. S. B., deacon; Mr. Soreghan, subdeacon. Father Norbert preached in English and Father Balestra in Italian. The church was crowded with 550 people.

At the second solemn mass on Christmas Father Norbert was celebrant; Father Balestra, deacon; Mr. Soreghan, subdeacon. Fathers Norbert and Balestra again preached in English and Italian respectively.

The total number of communions on Christmas was 350. The confessions on Christmas Eve numbered 675; a great many people from other parishes come regularly to Father Balestra's church for confession. St. Michael's was one of the three churches appointed by the archbishop for the jubilee.

## Port Townsend

### Fr. Klein's Villa Robbed

Father Klein's villa on Discovery bay was robbed one night in early December. The thieves first loaded a generous helping from the woodpile into their machine, then forced their way into the house, smashing a lock and a window. They stole a hammock, several rugs, some tableware, and stripped the walls of many trinkets and pictures. The money value of the loss was not great, but the little house was pretty well ransacked. None of the holy pictures was taken. The local sheriff was notified. This was the third robbery of the kind near Discovery bay within a month.

### Fr. Diomedi Recovered

Father Diomedi, who had been ill in St. John's hospital, Port Townsend, since October 2, returned to Manresa Hall in December; he now seems to be in comparatively good condition.

At the dedication of the new wing of St. John's hospital December 11, Manresa Hall was represented by Father Ambrose Sullivan, superior, and Father Joseph Chianale, tertian instructor.

### Retreat by Fr. Gaffney

Father Mark Gaffney gave an eight-day retreat to seven lay-Brothers at Manresa Hall beginning December 9. Those making the retreat were Brother Kish of Manresa Hall; Brothers McGuire, Murphy and Prendiville from Seattle college; Brother Corrigan from St. Joseph's church, Seattle; Brother Neillon from Tacoma and Brother Johnson from Holy Family mission. During the retreat Brother Broderick of Manresa Hall assisted at Seattle college.

A young lay-Brother postulant from Laurel, Mont., arrived at Manresa Hall November 21.

## St. Clare's Church

### Huge Christmas Crowd

About 1,000 of the 1,500 people who crowded into St. Clare's church, Santa Clara, for the midnight mass, received communion. Father C. J. McCoy, rector of Santa Clara university, was celebrant; Father Harold E. Ring, deacon; Mr. S. L. Gaffney, subdeacon. Father Ring preached the sermon.

Father W. H. Culligan, pastor, said the three last masses and preached at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock Christmas morning.

### Communions and Confessions

The total number of Christmas communions at St. Clare's was about 4,000. The confessions on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning numbered about 5,000. A great many people from neighboring par-

ishes in the Santa Clara valley came to St. Clare's for confession.

**Sexton Supplies Decorations**

The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas with evergreens, festoons and wreaths. Palms, ferns and flowers of the season in rich abundance filled the sanctuary and ornamented the altars. All this was paid for by the sexton, Fred Donohoe, as his Christmas gift to the church.

The Nativity scene was arranged in a very attractive setting by Jerry Stefani, steward of Santa Clara university.

## St. Ignatius College

**Midnight Mass Broadcast**

The Christmas midnight mass at St. Ignatius church was broadcast by the San Francisco Examiner over station KFRC. When the Examiner first asked permission to broadcast the services they planned to do so only locally. A few days later, however, they informed Father Edward Whelan, president of St. Ignatius college, that they had arranged to hook up several coast stations including Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles. They estimated that over two million people would listen in. Father Whelan was urged to grant their request by the thought that a great many non-Catholics and people in remote country districts would learn something of our Catholic services and liturgy.

Many letters have been received from those who heard the mass over the radio. All were delighted; they thought the music splendid and were much impressed with the perfect dignity and solemnity of the service. Those listening in at Spokane say that they could hear every word spoken or sung at the altar and that the preacher and choir were magnificent.

**Immense Throng**

Father Edward Whelan was celebrant, Father John McCummiskey deacon and Mr. John Lipman subdeacon. Father Edward Whelan preached the sermon. There were 3,900 persons present and 2,800 received communion. At St. Ignatius the church seats 2,000 downstairs; every seat was taken and 500 extra chairs were brought in. Every one of the 400 seats in the lower gallery was filled. There were 100 more people in the cleristory and at least 900 or 1,000 more standing in the side aisles by the confessionals, where there were deep recesses. At the back of the church they were banked ten deep and more than 500 were turned away for lack of standing room. At the midnight mass four priests distributed communion for 35 minutes.

At the solemn high mass at 10:30 Christmas morning Father Lawrence Heney was celebrant. Father Wallace Austin deacon and Mr. William Huesman subdeacon. Father Raymond Butler preached the sermon.

**5000 Communions**

The total number of Christmas communions was 5,000; confessions 3,500. Confessions began at 2:30 p. m. Christmas Eve and continued to 1 a. m. During most of the time up to midnight there were 10 and sometimes 12 priests hearing confessions; four and five confessors were hearing continually during all the masses Christmas morning.

**$50,000 Donation**

A benefactor who does not wish his name disclosed gave $50,000 about three months ago to St. Ignatius college to be used for anything the authorities there saw fit. It has been used to complete the payment on the new high school.

**Student Retreats**

Father Joseph Sullivan, president of Loyola university, Los Angeles, conducted the St. Ignatius college students' retreat during the second week in January; Father D. J. Kavanagh gave the retreat to the upper division of high school students, and Father Edward Whelan to the smaller boys. The fourth high students had already made their retreat last October under Father McFadden, high school students' chaplain.

**Frs. Flaherty and Gleeson**

Father Thomas Flaherty recently underwent an operation for sinus trouble at St. Francis hospital, San Francisco, where he was confined for more than a month. He has gone to Los Angeles for a month's rest.

Father Richard Gleeson has been in St. Mary's hospital since December 3.

## San Jose: Holy Family

### Christmas Services

About 900 people filled the Holy Family church, San Jose, at the midnight mass. There were 450 communions. Father Roccati was celebrant, Father Franchi deacon, Mr. Peter Deasy subdeacon. The sermon was given by Father Roccati.

Father Franchi was celebrant at the 1:30 solemn mass Christmas morning; Father Rocatti was deacon, Mr. Deasy subdeacon.

The total number of communions on Christmas was 850; on Christmas Eve 740 confessions were heard.

### Artist Priest

The main altar and the Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary altars in the Holy Family church have been renovated and beautifully decorated by the artist priest, Father Luigi Scicchetti, at the cost of about $2,000.

### New Residence

The new residence containing the office, parlor, library, dining room, kitchen and lavatory, recently built along the Guadalupe creek, and the old living quarters on the north side of the church now remodeled into four sleeping rooms, will be ready for occupancy by the end of January. These improvements will fill the long-felt need of having everything together under the same roof and close to the church; they will also save considerable expense in taxes, lighting, heating, etc.

## San Jose: St. Joseph's

### New Gymnasium Opened

The new gymnasium of St. Joseph's high school, San Jose, was opened December 13. A crowd of about 1,200 witnessed the two opening basketball games, which were followed by a parish social.

The new gymnasium is the largest in San Jose, having a 60x100-foot floor and a gallery that will comfortably seat 800 persons.

Connected with the gymnasium are excellent showers, locker rooms and a coach's room. Besides the gymnasium four splendid class rooms have been added to meet the growing needs of the boys' high school.

On the same evening that the gymnasium was opened the men of the parish held one of the largest card parties ever held in San Jose.

### Fr. James Lyons

Father James Lyons of Santa Clara university preached December 22 in St. Joseph's church, San Jose, at the celebration of the golden jubilee of the Holy Father.

### Midnight Mass

About 1,600 people were crowded into St. Joseph's church for the midnight mass; about 900 of them received communion. Father Joseph Crowley, pastor, was celebrant; Father Lawrence E. O'Keefe, provincial socius, deacon; Mr. Henry Sweeney of College Park, subdeacon. A splendid choir of 16 voices sang the mass under the direction of Carl Fitzgerald. This was his twenty-first consecutive Christmas in charge of the choir. Father Crowley preached at the midnight mass.

### Vested Choir

The second solemn mass on Christmas at 11:15 a. m. was sung by a vested choir of altar boys in the sanctuary under the direction of Brother Benedict, one of the Marists who teach in St. Joseph's school. The altar boys' society is in charge of Brother Thomas.

At this mass Father O'Keefe was celebrant, Father Crowley deacon, Mr. Sweeney subdeacon. Father James Henry of Santa Clara university preached the sermon.

The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas by the women of the parish. The crib was changed this year to St. Patrick's altar.

### New Altars Installed

Two new marble altars, St. Joseph's and St. Ignatius', are now being installed in St. Joseph's church. They were donated by the parishioners and are the work of the famous Italian sculptor, Omero Ambrosini of Carrara, Italy.

## Santa Barbara

### New Crib Donated

A new crib, donated by a member of the parish, was placed at St. Joseph's altar in such a way as not to hide the main part of the altar and yet to give plenty of space to the crib. The stable itself and the necessary floorings and supports were built in sections and bolted together, so that they can be easily handled and stored away for another year. The crib was very beautiful and inspiring.

### Midnight Services

The midnight music at Our Lady of Sorrows church, Santa Barbara, began at 11:45 p. m. with "Silent Night," alternating between the main and echo choirs and organs; it was very effective. The full choir then sang Lambillotte's Christmas "Pastorale." They sang Gounod's St. Cecelia solemn mass throughout, with Novello's "Adeste Fideles" for the offertory, and "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro Yon and "O Holy Night" for the communion hymns. Many favorable comments have been received on the splendid rendition of this music, which the people consider the best ever attempted at Our Lady of Sorrows church.

About 1,400 persons were present at the midnight mass; there were 600 communions. Father J. G. Grisez, pastor, was celebrant and preached; Father William M. Boland was deacon; Father A. J. Oyarzo, subdeacon.

Father Boland, the celebrant, preached at the second solemn mass at 11 o'clock Christmas morning; Father Oyarzo was deacon, Father F. A. Rossetti, subdeacon.

The total number of Christmas communions was 1,000; confessions 1,100. Very many people from surrounding parishes came to Our Lady of Sorrows church for confession, while those who had been to confession for the preceding Sunday were told that they did not have to repeat their confession for Christmas unless there was need.

## Seattle College

### The Pope's Jubilee

Father Patrick O'Reilly was invited from Portland to address the Seattle college student body at a special mass celebrated in the middle of December in honor of the Holy Father's jubilee.

Afterwards a symposium, arranged by Father Timothy Driscoll, was held by the college students.

### New Altar and Stations

A beautiful imitation-marble altar, the gift of Mr. Frank Kane, has been installed in the students' new chapel. A set of Stations of the Cross was given by the fourth high students.

Father James Mulligan is in Providence hospital, Seattle, with an attack of rheumatism.

## Spokane: St. Aloysius

### Record Christmas Attendance

One of the ushers counted 1820 people in St. Aloysius church, Spokane, at the midnight mass; they were packed into the aisles, the galleries and the choir loft, and extended out through the vestibule to the sidewalk. When the confessors tried to leave the church at 12:20 a. m. they found it almost impossible to work their way through the dense crowd. There were 1500 communions at the midnight mass. Six confessors were kept busy for eight hours on Christmas Eve.

Father Fletcher, pastor, was celebrant; Father Purcell, assistant, deacon; Mr. Frank Corkery of Gonzaga, subdeacon. Father Fletcher preached the sermon. There were eight other masses Christmas morning.

The total number of Christmas communions was 1800. On Christmas Eve 1500 confessions were heard.

### Fr. Weibel

Father George Weibel, who was wearing an artificial leg from October to December, has been using crutches for the past month. He was becoming quite accustomed to the artificial leg and was learning to manipulate it with ease, when the wound in his leg began to break open again. It is expected that he will be able to resume his artificial leg in a few weeks.

## Tacoma

### ST. LEO'S CHURCH

### Storm Tears Roof

A heavy storm tore the tar roofing from a portion of St. Leo's church soon after midnight mass on Christmas. The rain early Christmas went through into the body of the church. Little or no damage was done to the interior, but new roofing had to be put on about half the church.

About 1,500 people were packed into St. Leo's for the midnight mass, filling the aisles, the choir loft, the sacristy and every available space. About 1,400 of them received communion. The celebrant was Father Francis Gleeson; the deacon, Father John McAstocker; the subdeacon, Mr. Krause, a secular seminarian from Tacoma who was recently or-

dained deacon at Menlo Park seminary in California.

**Wonderful Children's Choir**

An exceptionally good children's choir, trained by one of the Sisters, sang at the 8:30 mass on Christmas morning. Although the regular choir at St. Leo's is one of the best on the coast, many prefer to hear the children's choir.

The total number of confessions and communions at St. Leo's was between 2,000 and 2,200. At the 10:30 solemn mass Christmas morning Father Francis Gleeson was celebrant, Father Robert Kane deacon, Father Harold Reiley subdeacon. Father John McAstocker preached at this and also at the midnight mass.

**Fr. Joseph Stack**

Father Joseph Stack, superior of the Los Altos retreat house, addressed the St. Leo's Holy Name society on the retreat movement early in December.

**Bishop Crimont**

Bishop Crimont confirmed 160 persons at St. Leo's on the evening of December 15. Confirmation had been scheduled for an earlier date in November, but the sickness of Bishop O'Dea caused the postponement.

**Fr. Chianale**

Father Joseph Chianale assisted Father Biagini at St. Rita's Italian church with the Christmas confessions, was celebrant at the midnight mass and preached the sermon. Father J. Lim, a Filipino from Port Townsend, heard confessions at St. Leo's on Christmas Eve, did some work among the Tacoma Filipinos and attended St. Anne's orphanage on Christmas morning.

Father Joseph Lynch preached at the thanksgiving services on the last day of the year; the "Te Deum" was chanted by the priests of St. Leo's and the devotions concluded with benediction.

**BELLARMINE HIGH SCHOOL**
**"Happy New Year"**

Under the direction of Father Joseph Lynch, the students of Bellarmine high school presented the three-act comedy, "Happy New Year" on the evening of December 20. They played before a crowded house at the St. Leo's auditorium, and everyone declared the play a wonderful success.

**New Society Organized**

Father John McAstocker has recently organized a Junior Holy Name society in Tacoma. The meeting place is at Bellarmine high school and the first members were mostly old St. Leo's and Bellarmine alumni and students. The society is open to all, however, and others are joining as well; at present about 50 young men are enrolled. The facilities of the Bellarmine gymnasium have been offered to the members, and this has proved a great attraction to them.

School closed for the Christmas holidays December 20; classes were resumed January 6.

## Seattle: St. Joseph's

**Christmas Services**

There were at least 1,000 communions at St. Joseph's church on Christmas. At midnight Father William Deeney sang a "Missa Cantata" and preached. The young ladies of the Holy Names academy sang the Gregorian mass of the Blessed Virgin. There were nine masses and benediction in the church Christmas morning.

Father Deignan sang a "Missa Cantata" at the Holy Names academy at midnight.

Father McElmeel has recently joined the St. Joseph's staff as assistant.

## Yakima

**$3563 Jubilee Check**

A check for $3,563 was handed to Father Conrad Brusten Sunday evening, December 15, at a reception held in Columbian hall, Yakima, Wash., in honor of his silver jubilee as pastor of St. Joseph's church. Organized groups of men had been present that morning at the 6:00, 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 masses in demonstration of their respect and affection for their beloved pastor who had baptized most of them, given them their first communion and officiated at their marriages.

The preceding week a group of 30 men had arranged a special collection for the jubilee gift, and had had two masses said for its success. It was announced that the money would be used to pay off the debt on the church.

**Pioneer Pastor**

When the young Father Brusten

was first appointed pastor of St. Joseph's December 11, 1904, the church was just under roof. All the finishing, furnishing and decorating was done under his direction. In 1907 he built the parish rectory, and in 1908 the Marquette school for boys. At present in the two schools of the parish, Marquette and St. Joseph's academy, there are 585 children; of whom 128 girls and 73 boys are in high school.

**Yakima Vocations**

During his pastorate 36 girls from the parish have entered the convent and nine young men have taken up the studies for the priesthood: Father Francis Gleeson of St. Leo's, Tacoma; Mr. Francis Rouleau now at Shanghai, China; Messrs Samuel Coogan and Gerald Clausing, philosophers at Mt. St. Michael's; Brothers Robert Bickford, Adolph Bischoff and Henry Kohls, novices at Los Gatos; Emmett McKenna, seminarian at Menlo Park, Calif.; Mr. Joseph Beaudry, who died of the "flu" at Los Gatos, January 2, 1919.

**Sodality Candidates**

Father Brusten received 19 new candidates into the boys' sodality December 8. Mr. Schoenberg, moderator of the boys' sodality, which comprises the boys from the fifth to the eighth grades in St. Joseph's school, has divided the sodality into sections; the Sanctuary section, which takes the place of the St. John Berchmans society; the Assistant of Mary section, which sees that there are always some sodalists from each class at daily mass, and the Mission section. Reports from each section are demanded at the weekly meetings.

**Dramatics**

The dramatic club of Marquette high school, with Mr. McDonnell as moderator and Mr. Mitzel, a lay-teacher, as director, presented two plays December 20: "The Turn In the Road," in two acts, and "The Millionaire Janitor" in one act. The proceeds are to be used to equip a science laboratory in Marquette; hitherto the students have done their laboratory work at St. Joseph's academy across the street.

Father Feusi gave the renovation triduum to the scholastics.

Father Brusten sent Messrs. McDonnell and Schoenberg to join the scholastics in Spokane during the Christmas vacation.

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# *Northern Alaska*

## King Island

**Unique Mission**

On King Island, building a church to Christ the King, Father Lafortune, veteran Nome missionary, has met with a unique situation in missionary history. Another Alaskan missionary recently wrote: "Father Lafortune is at last realizing his long- cherished dream of building a mission on that pile of rocks out in the Bering sea."

And as Father Lafortune himself writes, "It is the wildest country in the world. Every inch of it is wild. It is nature untouched, unrefined, superb, majestic in its roughness. Steep, abrupt, craggy, the island rises 900 feet above sea level. The top is bristling with huge peaks like the steeples of some fairy temple."

There, despite almost insuperable obstacles, he built a church last September with the assistance of seven natives, of whom he writes: "They are sterling men, every one of them. They have muscles of steel and they work without counting the hours. Their efficiency and accuracy is nothing short of wonderful. It is very seldom we meet men so well up to every emergency."

**Overcoming Obstacles**

To build the church 20,000 feet of lumber and 12 tons of other materials had to be carried up a steep 700 foot slant which is covered with huge boulders and a heavy growth of wormwood. Although the Eskimos were willing to carry all the supplies on their backs up the ragged cliffs, where one never has a sure footing, Father Lafortune considered the task beyond any human endurance. Accordingly he brought from the mainland a windlass and a small cable, by means of which everything was hauled up easily and in a comparatively short time.

The natives are very proud of the church, which dominates the whole village. It is built on three rows of posts; the upper row protrudes one foot above the rocks, the center row five feet and the front row 16 feet.

**Incredible Labor**

Father Lafortune has visited King

Island from time to time for several years, and the natives are now all good Catholics, not addicted to immorality nor drink. He is convinced that in their struggle for existence on their rocky island the people "work too downright hard, both men and women." "Their old men," he says, "are not old men but worn out men."

Every morning he sees long lines of women carrying large rawhide bags on their backs, crawling up the flanks of the mountain slowly, carefully, halting now and then for breath. They climb up 600 feet, cross the island and go down 100 feet on the northern slopes to gather wild vegetables for their winter provisions. As winter sets in the young men follow the same path, continue five or six miles out on the ice, kill one or two seals, pull them back to the island, load them on their shoulders (a seal weighs between 100 and 200 pounds), climb up the 700 foot incline cross the island and climb down 600 feet to the village. Father Lafortune plans to install windlasses and ropes on these inclines, so as to enable the Eskimos to accomplish twice as much with half the fatigue.

To save the women the terrible daily climb up and down the mountain, he plans to teach them to raise their vegetables in their own village. He finds that the season there is longer than on the mainland. "The natives," he says, "have only to be trained. They are extremely apt to do any work of that kind, they catch on so quick; but they have no idea whatever about gardening."

**"They Would Scare a Goat"**

"One other thing to be done," he continues, "is to improve their paths. One has to be alert to walk in them. They would scare a goat. There is not one boulder that is horizontal. One has to jump rather than walk from one to the other. I am surprized that there are not more broken legs. The paths can be improved and made really nice. It will require some engineering. The paths have to meander. One cannot climb straight up except with ladders. Rocks have to be carried from the stream to different places and used to level the paths by filling up between the boulders."

# *Indian Missions*

## De Smet Mission

### An Indian Christmas

As the second bell rang at 11:30 p. m. Christmas Eve at DeSmet mission, Idaho, two big bonfires were lighted, one near the entrance to the Fathers' garden, the other just outside the vestibule of the church. Three processions approached the church from different directions: the Indian boys and girls marched from their respective schools, and the large crowd of braves and squaws assembled in the camp at the foot of the hill marched up out of the darkness singing a Christmas hymn in honor of the Infant Jesus.

**Chief Gives Christmas Speech**

On arriving before the door of the church they all stopped to listen to the speeches of three of their most eloquent Indian orators. First spoke Coeur d'Alene Chief Peter Moctelmi, then former Indian Judge Louis Bishop, and finally present Indian Judge Ignace Garry, whose son is in Gonzaga high school, Spokane. All spoke on the great goodness of God who became man for our salvation; the first two spoke in the Coeur d'Alene language, while Judge Garry used his mother tongue, the Kalispel, although he is also a fluent speaker in both Coeur d'Alene and English. (The Coeur d'Alene is a dialect of the Kalispel language. Kalispel, at least in some dialect form, is spoken by most of the tribes of northeastern Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana, such as the Spokanes, Coeur d'Alenes, Colvilles, Kalispels and Flatheads. The Kootenays along the Canadian-Idaho border understand Kalispel, but their own language is different. So far as we know, Father John Post is the only missionary who speaks Kootenay; on a recent visit to DeSmet the editor saw a crowd of Kootenays who had journeyed 200 miles to consult him. The Nez Perces, Umatillas and other tribes 100 miles south of Spokane speak Nez Perce, which is absolutely different from Kalispel, even in its roots.)

**Indian Christmas Gifts**

After the address, Louis Sam, the valiant leader of the prayers and

songs, intoned another Christmas hymn, and all filed into the church. As they passed the beautifully arranged crib each of the Indians placed his Christmas present at the feet of the Infant Jesus; some gave flowers, others candles, others, candlesticks, others nice vases, while others deposited money in the collection box.

**Midnight Mass**

At 12 o'clock Father John Post preceded by a large number of altar boys entered the sanctuary for the midnight mass, a "Missa Cantata" sung by the Indian congregation. After singing the gospel Father Post said a few words about the Holy Night, then read the gospel in English, and then gave a short address both in English and in Kalispel.

Father Kugler, DeSmet superior, assisted in distributing communion to the very large crowd that approached the altar.

**All-Day Adoration**

During his first mass at 7 a. m. Father Kugler exposed the Blessed Sacrament for the thirteen-hours devotion, and at 10 a. m. he celebrated a high mass "Coram Sanctissimo" and preached.

The Indian school boys in cassocks and surplices, in groups of two, spent the day in half-hour periods of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and the Indians from the camp came in bands and recited their prayers aloud in common.

Father Post officiated at the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 p. m. Father Kugler with Brother Rodi and the Sisters' choir sang the litany of the saints. Following the procession the services closed with Benediction.

## St. Mary's Missions

**Christmas at Omak**

A large crowd of Indians attended and many received communion at the Christmas services at St. Mary's mission among the Okanogan Indians at Omak in north central Washington. "The singing by the children and by the grown-ups was so good," writes Father Caldi, "that a rather well educated lady commented that the radio singing she enjoys at her ranch is not any better, is hardly as good as what she heard Christmas night at the mission."

Eight quasi-Sisters, called "Lady Missionaries of St. Mary," have charge of the 70 Indian children in the mission school. Some of the children come from as far as 150 miles away.

During the past year there have been 20 baptisms, 550 confessions, 690 communions, 5 marriages; extreme unction was administered to 22.

## St. Andrew's Mission

**A Umatilla Christmas**

At 11:30 p. m. Christmas Eve the Umatilla boys and girls of St. Andrew's mission school in Oregon, followed by the braves and squaws of the tribe, filed solemnly into the church singing Christmas carols.

The Sisters had tastefully adorned the altar with a profusion of flowers and lighted candles and had prepared the crib with blinking, multicolored lights high in the evergreen branches suggestive of the twinkling stars over Bethlehem's cave.

As the statue of the Infant Jesus was placed in the crib at midnight the little Indian children sang the "Adeste Fideles."

From the sacristy then proceeded Brother Mandala at the head of 30 altar boys, followed by Father Joseph Lajoie of Pendleton, subdeacon; Father William Benn, Mt. St. Michael's psychology professor, deacon; and Father John Corbett, St. Andrew's superior, celebrant.

Father Benn preached in English and Father Lajoie interpreted his words in Nez Perce, the language spoken by the Umatillas.

Sister Falconieri, the organist, directed the choir of 14 children and alumni of the mission school.

**Welcome to Christ**

At the consecration all the bells, large and small, were sounded and a bugle outside the church proclaimed the arrival of Christ the Lord.

Communion was received in the following order: Brother Mandala and the altar boys, the six Franciscan Sisters of the school, the three newly baptized Indians, the 22 little first communicants, finally the rest of the congregation.

Following the mass the thanksgiving prayers were recited in common and the Indian families were conse-

crated to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

**A Profusion of Gifts**

Before the crib lay a profusion of religious Christmas gifts—crucifixes, beads, cardboard Christmas cribs, holy cards, Catholic calendars — which Father Corbett distributed to the Indians as they filed by the crib.

He then heard the confessions and distributed communion to a group of Indians who had come from afar and had been unable to reach the mission in time for the Christmas Eve confessions.

**The Pride of the Reservation**

The Indians returned for the last mass at 10:30 Christmas morning and the little school boys were arrayed in the attractive brass-buttoned uniforms of the Catholic Boys' Brigade, recently organized at the mission. At the end of benediction, still singing the Brigade hymn, they marched out of the church with a snappy step, followed by the admiring gaze of the older Indians.

**A Bounteous Banquet**

A bounteous banquet was provided by Father Corbett for all the Indians at noon, and the afternoon was spent in visiting and exchanging of greetings.

**Christmas Tree Festival**

At 7 p. m. all gathered in the school building around a beautifully decorated and electrically illuminated Christmas tree. Speeches were given by Fathers Corbett and Benn and Major Finn, hymns were sung, and while a sextette sang a Christmas carol the boys' brigade marched, drilled and whistled the tune between stanzas.

**And Then a Sick Call**

Late Christmas night when exhausted after the activities of the day Father Corbett at last lay down to rest, he was suddenly summoned out into the night on a distant sick call. A young Indian woman whom God had brought to the altar a few hours before, was near death. Father Corbett recited the prayers for the dying, pressed the crucifix to her lips, administered extreme unction; and she passed happy into eternity.

**Locked Out**

Returning home at 3:15 a. m. he found himself locked out of his room, so he wrapped himself in his big coat, a Christmas present from some Catholic Indian Bureau benefactor, rolled up in a corner on the floor and slept until the hour for mass.

**Preparing for Christ**

As a preparation for Christmas a triduum was given to all the Indians beginning December 21. Father Lajoie preached in Nez Perce to the Indians from the camp; Father Benn gave a retreat to the larger school children, and Father Corbett conducted the exercises for the little tots in the first communion class. On the evening of Christmas Eve three Indian school children were baptized.

## St. Regis Mission

**Christmas Work**

Father Joseph Tomkin, superior of St. Francis Regis mission, said the midnight and one other mass at the mission, and the 9 o'clock mass in the town of Colville eight miles from the mission. Father James Kiely, prefect of studies of Mt. St. Michael's, said the midnight and one other mass in Colville and the 9 o'clock mass Christmas morning at the mission.

Father Ambrose Sullivan, superior of the Port Townsend tertianship, veteran Indian missionary, supplied on Christmas Eve and Christmas at Barnaby; on the next day at Inchelium, a few miles further down the Columbia; on New Year's day at Pia. He heard 110 confessions, 90 of them at Barnaby.

His fluency in the Kalispel language he turned to good use Christmas Eve at Barnaby hearing confessions and having interviews with many chiefs, sub-chiefs, bell-ringers, sextons, choir masters, etc. His midnight mass was a "Missa Cantata." The Indians sang the mass "lente," "andante."

**No Reason to Cry**

The death of an Indian girl at Barnaby made a very good impression on the Indians. When she saw the Indians crying about her deathbed she told them to stop, that she was going to heaven and there was no reason for anyone to cry about it.

## St. Ignatius Mission

**Colorful Ceremony**

A thousand Indians wrapped in gaudy scarlet and indigo blue blan-

kets crowded into the St. Ignatius mission church for the midnight mass on Christmas. The weather was fine, the roads good, and they came from all over the reservation, Flatheads, Kalispels, and even two dozen Kootenays from their home at Elmo, 50 miles away.

A hundred bright lights set off to best advantage the 52 beautiful frescoes painted by Brother Carignano. the gorgeous decorations of the main altar and the crib.

**Indian Salute**

A dozen Indian braves stationed at the outer door of the church fired off their guns as a salute of welcome to the new born Savior as the celebrant, deacon and subdeacon, preceded by 17 altar boys, entered the sanctuary to begin the midnight mass. Four Indian church policemen, dressed in the full regalia of their office, saw that perfect order and decorum were observed throughout the services.

Father Taelman, who was celebrant, preached first in English and then in the guttrals and cadences of the Flathead tongue.

The choir, composed exclusively of Indian men and women, under the direction of an Indian woman who presided at the organ, sang very creditably one of Mercadante's most difficult masses.

**Christmas Communions**

More than 800 approached the altar with perfect order and precision to receive holy communion.

After the midnight mass the Indians remained for a low mass of Thanksgiving, during which they sang congregational hymns and recited their prayers in common in their own native tongue.

Many Indians returned to the church Christmas morning for the 8:00, 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock low masses and for the solemn mass at 10:30. At the late mass Father Taelman again preached in English and Indian. That afternoon he travelled 80 miles visiting the Indians.

**Christmas Confessions**

On the morning of Christmas Eve Father Taelman visited the Indian camp and heard the confessions of the old and the crippled who were confined to their homes. Holy communion was brought to them Christmas morning.

Fathers Dillon, Taelman and Dimier spent ten hours in the confessional on Christmas Eve.

**Public School Catechism**

Besides the 150 Indian children and the two dozen white children in the mission schools, there are 54 Catholic children in the public school in the village of St. Ignatius and about 60 in the public school at Arlee. Fathers Dillon and Dimier give an hour of religious instruction to the public school children at St. Ignatius every other Saturday from 10 to 11 a. m., and Father Taelman gives a half hour instruction to the Arlee children every Friday from 12:30 to 1:00 p. m.

Many Indians have died recently. Although long journeys were necessary to reach them, nearly all received the last sacraments.

## *Obituary*

**Fr. Joseph C. Cardon**

The rapidly thinning ranks of the pioneer Jesuits of the Northwest lost another soldier of Christ when Father Joseph C. Cardon died at Providence hospital, Seattle, on the evening of December 31 in the sixty-fourth year of his age and his forty-fourth in the Society.

He suffered a severe heart attack last July at St. Xavier's mission, Montana, where he was superior. After he had been annointed he rallied somewhat, and Father Ambrose Sullivan was sent to Billings, Montana, to bring him to Port Townsend in the hope that the lower altitude of western Washington would improve his condition.

At first he appeared to improve considerably, and early in September he was appointed minister of the tertianship at Port Townsend, but rapidly failing health necessitated his transfer on October 16 to Providence hospital, Seattle, where he remained until his death.

There his trouble was diagnosed as chronic subcutaneous endocarditis, or chronic inflamation of the lining of the heart.

When told on December 21 that he would never recover, he asked to have Father Michael O'Malley anoint him. Father O'Malley gave him extreme unction December 23.

**He Had a Stroke**

He had a stroke December 28; his

right side became paralyzed and he was unable to speak. Although he remained conscious, he never again regained his power of speech. From that time until his death, Father Peter Halpin, Seatle college minister, visited him daily, sometimes twice a day, and asked the Sisters to telephone the college if he should take a sudden turn for the worse. It was evident that he was sinking. During these days, however, he gave some signs of consciousness, saying his beads and kissing the crucifix when it was presented to him.

### A Second Stroke

On December 29 Father Halpin got two nurses to stay with him continually, one for the day and one for the night. That day he suffered another slight stroke.

The Sisters telephoned from the hospital at 7:30 p. m. December 31 that Father Cardon was failing and probably would not live more than a few hours. Father Maurice Meagher, acting chaplain in the hospital, remained with him from 7 to 9 p. m. Father Halpin arrived at the hospital at 9 o'clock and remained with him until his death at 11:10 p. m. He passed away quietly while the prayers for the dying were being recited. Besides Fathers Halpin and Meagher, two Sisters, the nurse and Father John Balfe were present.

### Missionary and Teacher

Father Cardon was born in France on Christmas 1866. He entered the Society April 10, 1886, at Roehampton, England, whither a number of other prospective western missionaries had been sent by Father Cataldo. It was during his juniorate in England that he came under the influence of a brilliant professor of mathematics who inspired in him that love for the exact sciences which later made him an expert professor. Upon finishing his juniorate he came to America to do his philosophy at St. Louis.

As a scholastic in the early nineties he first taught the juniors with success; afterwards at DeSmet mission he carefully copied out an entire Kalispel grammar; he was then transferred to St. Xavier's mission among the Crow Indians in Montana. Later for three years he taught mathematics and physics to the philosophers in the scholasticate which was then at St. Ignatius mission.

After finishing his first year theology at Woodstock he went with the other western theologians to St. Louis when the new theologate was opened there. After theology he spent a couple of years in Alaska under Father Rene.

On finishing his tertianship he was sent back to St. Xavier's mission where he was superior for two years; he then came to Gonzaga, where his skill as a mathematics professor became widely known. "He was the clearest and best teacher I have ever had," remarked Msgr. Hanley of Seattle recently.

A few years ago he was appointed mathematics professor at Mt. St. Michael's. He afterwards returned as superior to St. Xavier's mission, where he remained until his sickness of last summer. His companions testify that he was a sincere lover of the Indians and always an earnest and devoted worker.

### The Funeral Services

Father Cardon's funeral services were held Thursday, January 2, at St. Joseph's church, Seattle. Father John F. Hayes, former Alaskan missionary, now minister at Port Townsend, was celebrant. Present in the sanctuary were: Msgr. D. A. Hanly; Father Ambrose, O. F. M.; Father Galvin; the Jesuit Fathers Robert V. Burns, William Deeney, Michael O'Malley, Peter Halpin, Timothy Driscoll, Louis Egan, William Dunne, Peter Dimaano, Charles Chapman, Pius Martinez; the Seattle college scholastics, Messrs. Clarence Cheyney, Thomas Feeley, Edward Flajole, Frank Logan, Alexander Tourigny; the Tacoma scholastics, Messrs. Timothy Glancey and Henry Schultheis. Sisters representing all the religious communities of the city attended.

The office of the dead was chanted at Manresa Hall, Port Townsend, by the tertians.

Father John Hayes accompanied the body Thursday evening to Spokane, where it was laid to rest Friday morning in the cemetery at Mt. St. Michael's. Father Ambrose Sullivan, Port Townsend superior, who had been assisting during Christmas week at some of the mission stations on the Colville reservation, hastened to Spokane to join the St. Michael's community at the burial services.

Father Cardon is survived by a sister, who is a nun in France; a brother who is a Carthusian in France; and another brother, Father Louis Cardon, S. J., a famous old missionary in India with a record of 25,000 conversions.

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## *Publications*

### Fr. David McAstocker

Father David McAstocker's latest book, "Flashlights," has been very well received. The Book Lovers Guild has chosen it as its December book of the month.

The Northwest Progress says: "The modern title, 'Flashlights,' is aptly chosen for this small, slim volume which cloisters ancent truths sparkling with the freshness of novelty; solemn thoughts whimsically presented with illustrations that only the man of today could appreciate—shining forth, as they do, from clear-cut vignettes of his contemporaries, from delicate pen-pictures of twentieth-century life. Throughout the book there is the glamour of the Gospels and the vigorous charm of a sincere and holy man."

The Catholic American Tribune says: "In living language—call it journalese, humanese, if you like—Father McAstocker restates here those eternal truths of God and the soul which, being ascetical, are not usually associated with popularity. He has the true essayist's facility for improvising and improving upon any theme or thesis. His fancy needs but the fillip of a phrase or a fact to start an edifying, pleasing and instructive elaboration . . . Although never preachy his stories are substantial sermons in disguise, palatable and admirably adapted to the children of our modern world."

"Flashlights" is now in its second edition. The first edition appeared less than six months ago..

### Fr. John D. Walshe

"Lanterns of the Blue and Other Poems," by Father John D. Walshe of St. Joseph's church, San Jose, poet-padre of California. 130 pages. Stark-Roth Printing and Publishing Co., San Francisco. $1.25.

This new volume of 62 poems by Father Walshe, who gained a wide reputation with his first volume entitled "The Vision Beatific," has received much favorable comment.

The book takes its title from the Initial poem, "The Lanterns of the Blue," of which Father Thornton writes in the St. Joseph's Church Bulletin: "It is a heroic poem complementary to the Vision Beatific in which the author brings us to view the majesty of creation and the tremendous climax presaging the end of the world. The poem is magnificent in conception and execution. We wonder when we peruse these stately verses how the author managed to lay by such a rich store of fine poetical diction."

And the San Jose Mercury remarks: "Now while this great poem more than compensates the purchaser of the book, there are included 61 other poems of an assorted type, any of which is beautiful and unique in concept. These run the gamut of sentiments, from a pean to his beloved Erin, his birthplace, to a charmingly funny and bizarre creation in which a bloodthirsty pest is the 'hero'.

"To sum up: Perhaps nothing that has been done by California poets in many years reaches the popular heart more directly than does this attractive book. It is, we believe, the finest Christmas gift book on the stands this year. To read it is to enjoy a never-to-be-forgotten treat."

Professor Bissett of Washington university writes: " 'Lanterns of the Blue' pleased me immensely. It is a great poem. And so is 'To Memory,' and many others."

Dr. Fred Merrifield of the university of Chicago: "Your poems which have place in my anthology of modern verse have elicited words of praise from many admirers."

Frank H. Spearman, noted author: "I am again in wonder at the facility and smoothness of your verse. And when such a finish is united to the best of thought, the result is always inspiring."

Brother Leo of St. Mary's college, brilliant author, lecturer and critic: "Your easy flow and dignified imagery recall the good old days when poets made things of beauty."

## Fr. Van der Schueren

Father T. Van der Schueren, famous missionary from India, was

confined in the "Clinique des Soeurs Franciscaines," Louvain, Belgium, October 17 with diabetic gangrene in the left heel. It was similar to the gangrenous wounds which he had previously had on both feet and which had kept him in the hospitals in the United States from April 30, 1926 to February 11, 1927.

After six weeks in the Louvain clinic he wrote November 28 that his improvement had been much more rapid than the doctor had anticipated, and that he planned to sail from Liverpool January 4 to be present at the general meeting of the society for the Propagation of the Faith at Cleveland, January 22.

## National Retreat Conference

Eleven Jesuits were present at the third annual national conference of the Laymen's Retreat movement held January 3 to 5 at the Sacred Heart seminary, Detroit, Mich. Father Joseph Stack represented our retreat house at Los Altos, Calif. Father Walter Fitzgerald was sent by Bishop O'Dea to represent the Seattle diocese. The other Jesuits were Father McGuire of Manresa-on-Severn, Baltimore; Father Storck of Loyola house of retreats, Morristown, New Jersey; Father Monaghan of the White House, St. Louis; Father William Lonergan of the "America"; Father O'Neill of Cincinnati; Father Cogley of Manresa, Detroit; Father Kuhlman of Kansas City; Father Louis Lalande of Montreal; Father Samuel Ray of New Orleans, representative of Father Frederick Macdonnell, head of New Orelans province retreats.

About 225 lay and clerical delegates attended the conference. Many monsignori and secular priests were present, and there were representatives from the Passionists, Redemptorists, Benedictines, Dominicans, Franciscans, Capuchins, Holy Cross Fathers, Oblates, Precious Blood Fathers, and Premonstratensians.

## Catholic Dictionary Completed

The first copy of the New Catholic Dictionary, edited under the direction of Father John J. Wynne, S. J., was sent to Rome November 13 as a jubilee gift to the Pope. The board of editors consisted of Conde B. Pallen, who died before the book was completed, Father Wynne, Charles F. Wemyss Brown, Blanche M. Kelly and Andrew A. MacErlean. It was published by the Universal Knowledge Foundation of New York.

The cost of compiling the work is estimated at $200,000. Contributions of at least $100 from each of 700 underwriters made the volume possible.

The fruit of years of work by more than 200 writers, the dictionary treats 8,630 subjects alphabetcially arranged in 1,100 pages.

There are now 20,000 copies in the bindery. Advance cash orders have been received for 6,000 copies; 5,000 more applications are awaiting attention.

## Chicago Province

**Cleveland**—All diocesan collegiate institutions in Cleveland, including the diocesan seminary, have recently been incorporated into the Jésuit John Carroll university, according to a recent announcement by Bishop Schrembs of Cleveland.

The corporate colleges will be governed by an administrative board to be composed of the bishop of Cleveland, or his representative; the president of John Carroll university, or his representative, and two representatives from each of the signatory institutions.

The several schools affiliated have the following enrollment: Sisters' college, 379 nuns; seminary, 130; Notre Dame college, 119; Ursuline college, 90; St. Vincent's Charity hospital training school, 170; St. John's hospital training school, 94; St. Alexis hospital training school, 77.

## Maryland-New York

**Mothers of Jesuits**—The fifth annual communion mass of the Jesuit Mothers' guild of Greater New York was held at St. Francis Xavier's church Sunday, November 1. Father Edward C. Phillips, Maryland-New York provincial, was celebrant. More than 300 persons were present at the breakfast afterwards in the high school gymnasium. Addresses were given by Fathers Philips, Martin Scott, Francis X. Delaney, Thomas A. Fay, William A. Glaser, W. Quilty and Thomas L. Mathews.

**New Woodstock Library** — Ceremonies at Woodstock commemorat-

ing the Pope's jubilee were brought to a close with the laying of the cornerstone of the O'Rourke memorial library by the apostolic delegate, Bishop John M. McNamara, auxiliary of Baltimore, Father Edward Phillips, Maryland-New York provincial, and many priests were present. The library if the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvin, warm friends of the late Father John H. O'Rourke.

## Missouri

**St. Louis Radio**—Weekly lectures on social history, American history, and educational topics are given by Fathers Husslein, Kenny and Bowdern over St. Louis university's broadcasting station WEW. On October 11 Father Regnet, at the invitation of Father LeBuffe of the "America" staff, began to add to his weekly book-review hour a five-minute talk on the issue of "America" to appear the next day. On October 17, two of the university's debaters engaged two of Washington university's squad over station KMOX in a no decision contest on the reform of the calendar. The St. Louis Chamber of Commerce sponsored the affair to spread information about the proposed reform.

**Father Agnew**, Creighton rector, who recently joined the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, has been elected a director of that body.

The Creighton Medical school received over five hundred applications for admission, up to the beginning of October. The school has been remodeled during the summer and equipped with new laboratories and a new library. The clinic has also been improved to care for the forty thousand patients who come during the year. The dental clinic has been equipped with $15,000 worth of electrical apparatus. After the past year's successful trial, the dental clinic will remain open hereafter during the summer months.

**Omaha.**—The semester report of the Students' Spiritual Council of Creighton university, read at the Lenten meeting of the Omaha sodality union, is a record of notable achievement. The council consists of four members each from the colleges of arts, commerce, journalism, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and law. They are divided into six committees: the Eucharistic, Our Lady, Catholic Thought, Missions, Publicity, Social Action. The students have succeeded in having 70 letters published in the "Public Pulse" column of the leading Omaha Daily, on such topics as Tolerance, Agnosticism, Prejudice, Atheism, Immorality, Skepticism. Other activities are the Guard of Honor, whose members keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays, the Spiritual Book Rack, the Good Friday tribute of Silence, collections of money and clothing for the missions.

## Japan

**New University**—The site of the new Catholic university of Tokyo has been finally decided upon, and work will begin early in the new year, according to a letter written August 12 by Father Dahlmann, Japanese missioner, Oriental specialist, and author of a book on the great Tokyo earthquake of 1923. The university will stand in one of the finest parts of Tokyo, near the imperial palace and the great schools. The cost will be less than that of the building formerly contemplated in the suburbs of the city. The plans call for an impressive exterior, suited to its important situation.

## Lithuania

**New Novitiate**—The new Lithuanian novitiate at Tytuvenai opened on September 4, with one priest, eight novices and eight postulants. To these were added two more priests and three coadjutor brothers.

## Salzburg

The process for the beatification of Mother Teresa Ledochowski, sister of Very Rev. Father General, has been begun at Salzburg. A true apostle for the conversion and liberation of the African negroes, she died in Rome, with a reputation for sanctity, July 6, 1925.

## Deaths in the Provinces of the United States

**Brother Aloysius Boeni**, December 9, Grand Coteau, La., (N. O.)
**Father Joseph C. Cardon**, December 31, Seattle, Wash. (Calif.)
**Father Bernard A. Fuller**, January 3, New York, N. Y. (Md-N. Y.)